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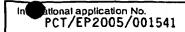
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1. claims: 1-32, 68

A container filled with a single portion of a substance in combination with a dispensing apparatus, the container being provided with identification means corresponding to the substance contained in the container and the dispensing apparatus comprising identification recognition means so as to allow automatic identification of the container and the substance therein.

2. claims: 33-58, 66, 67

A container having a body, an opening and a circumferential rim surrounding the opening, the opening being closed by a cover sheet, the circumferential rim having a dispensing part with a dispensing channel formed by a depression covered by the cover sheet; and method for opening such container.

3. claims: 59-65

A method for manufacturing containers by forming a plurality of containers from a flat sheet, so that each container has a filling cavity, filling the formed containers with a substance, applying a covering sheet on the containers, sealing the covering sheet on the containers and punching the formed sheet to form a circumferential rim by punching out waste material between the containers.

4. claims: 69,70

A bottle suitable for use with the dispensing apparatus and container.

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